Smuggling of video CDs containing inflammatory speeches of Osama Bin Laden

1733. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the report in the Asian Age of 4th November, 2001, that Video CDs containing inflammatory speeches of Osama Bin Laden, including the one titled Path to Paradise and other Islamic fundamentalist material have been smuggled through Siliguri into Assam and other parts of the country to excite fundamentalist Islamic elements to rise in Jehad against perpetrators of crimes against Islam;

(b) if so, whether such smuggled propaganda material has also been seized in other parts of the country, especially the border areas; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Traffic management by Delhi Police during festive seasons

1734. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during festival times there is lack of space for pedestrians and parking aggravated by the usual flow of traffic on Delhi roads;

(b) whether the efforts of Delhi Police in this regard have failed miserably and are met with strong protests from hawkers, shop-keepers and others; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Delhi Police in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Due to unusual increase in volume of traffic during the festival seasons the normal flow of pedestrian traffic is affected to some extent. However, in spite of the given constraints, the efforts made by Delhi Police to streamline the flow of traffic on such occasions have been by and large successful.